What's HyperSpy?

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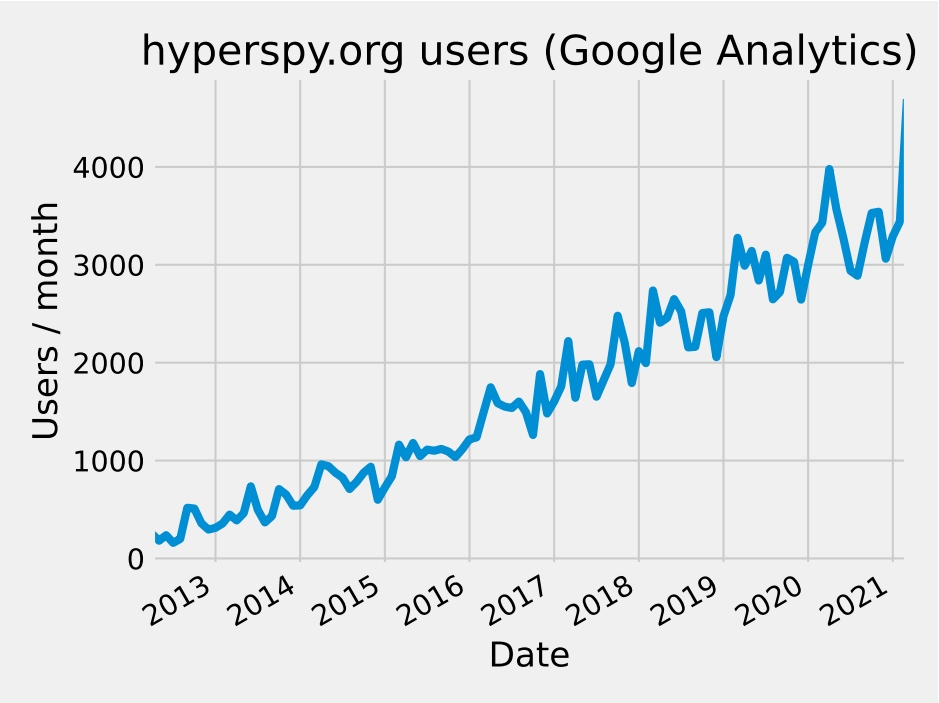
HyperSpy today–some stats

- $> 3000\,\mathrm{downloads/month}$?
- $> 80k$ lines of code
- > 6000 citations
- > 50 contributors
- Used by more than 85 other packages in GitHub
- 300 GitHub Stars



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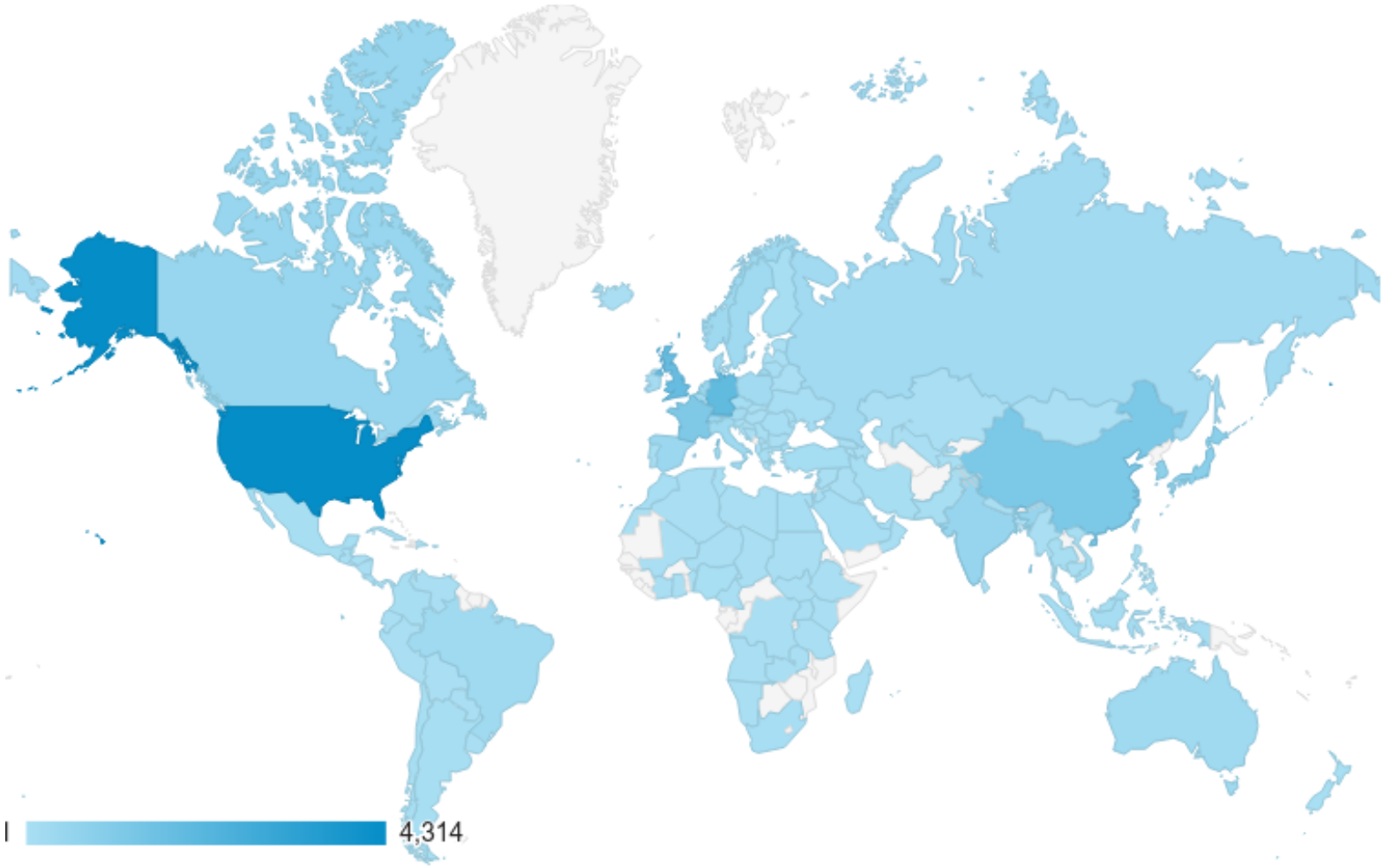

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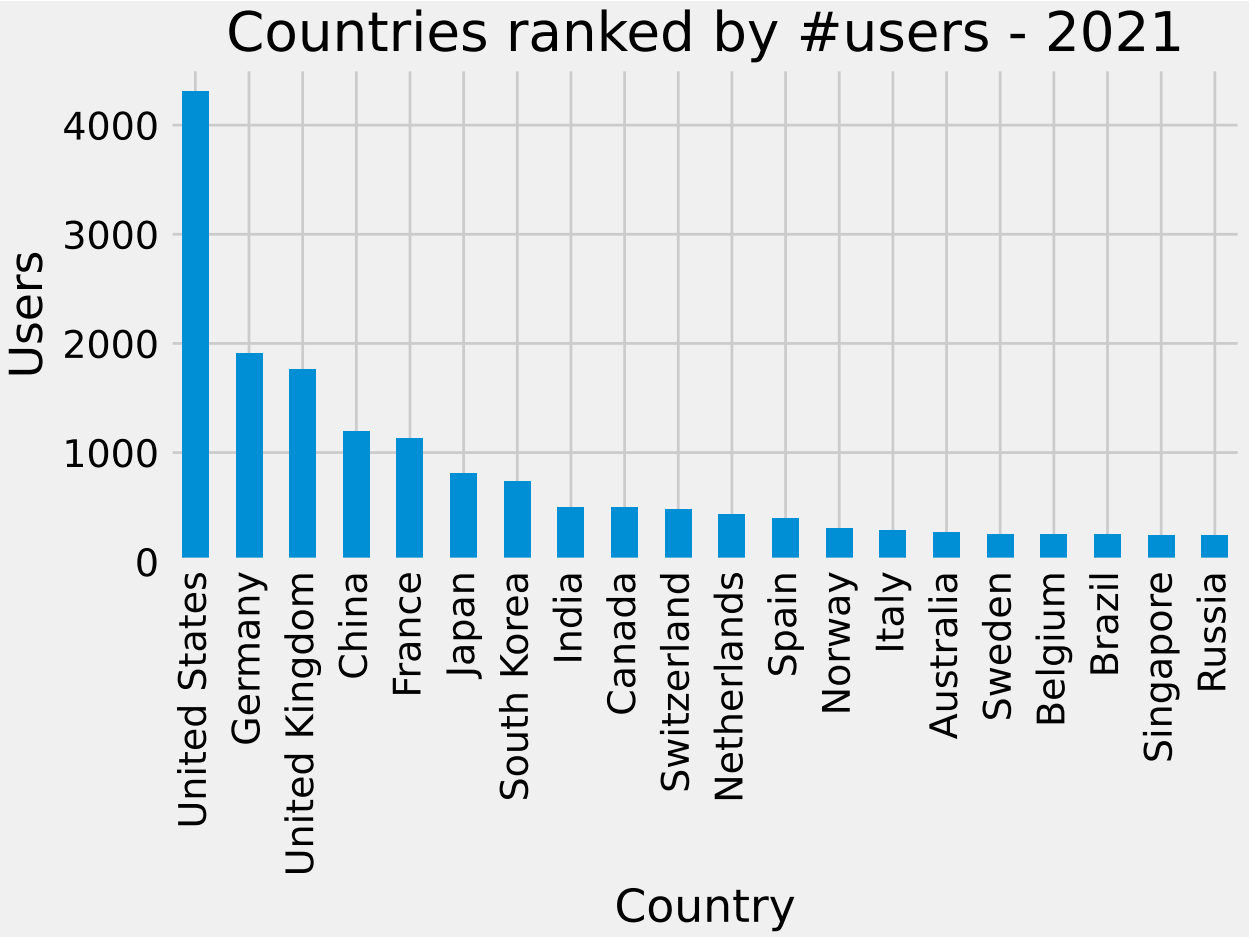

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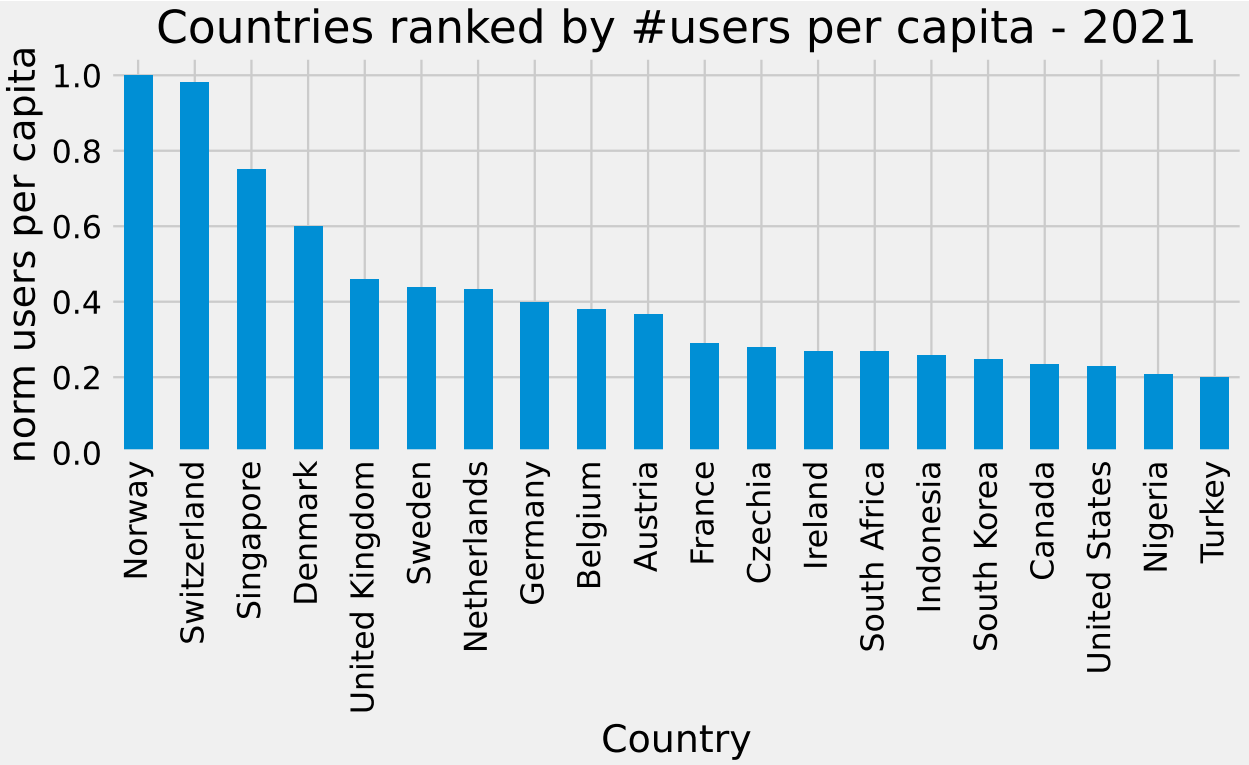

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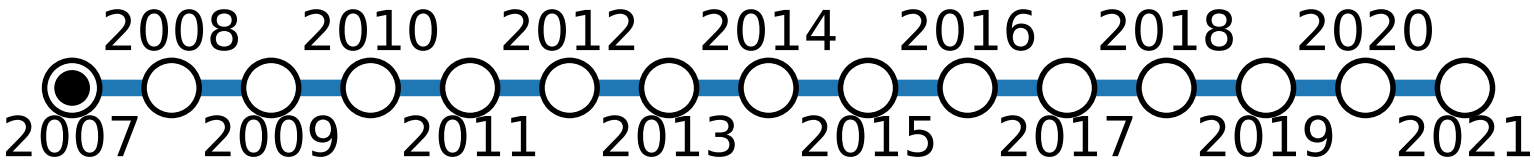

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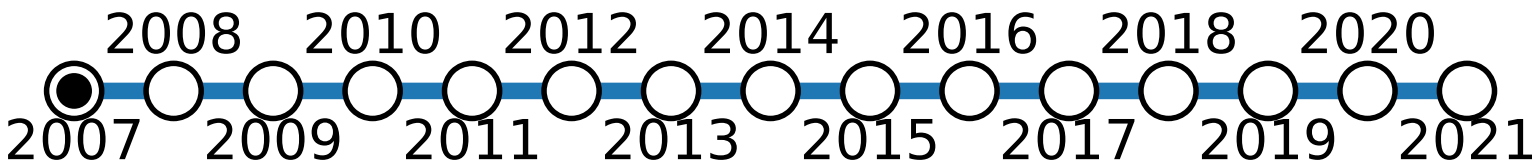

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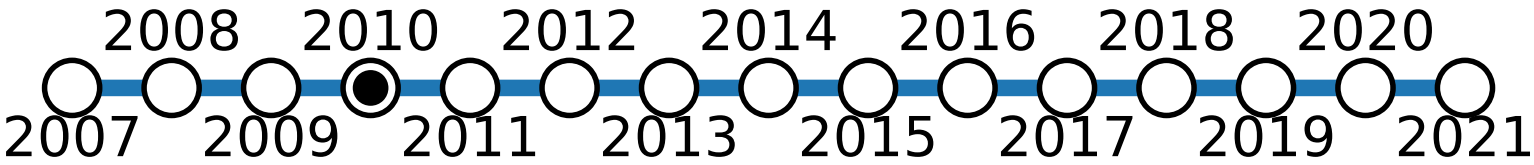

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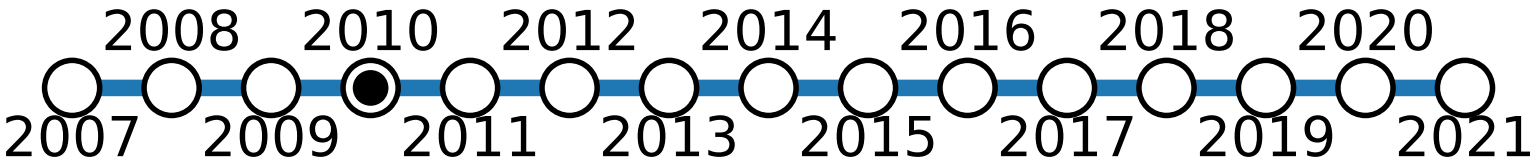

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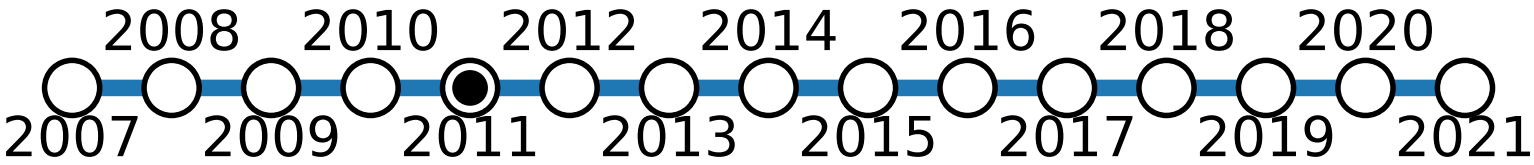

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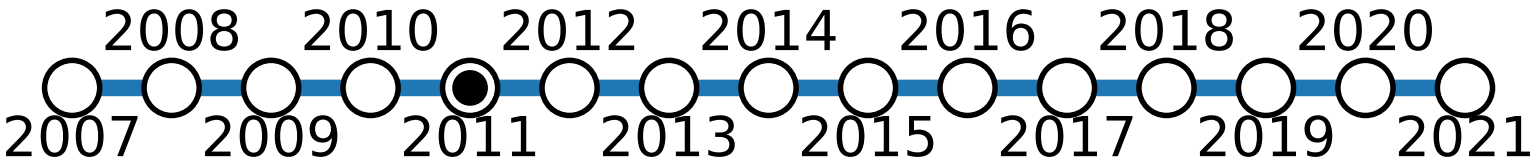

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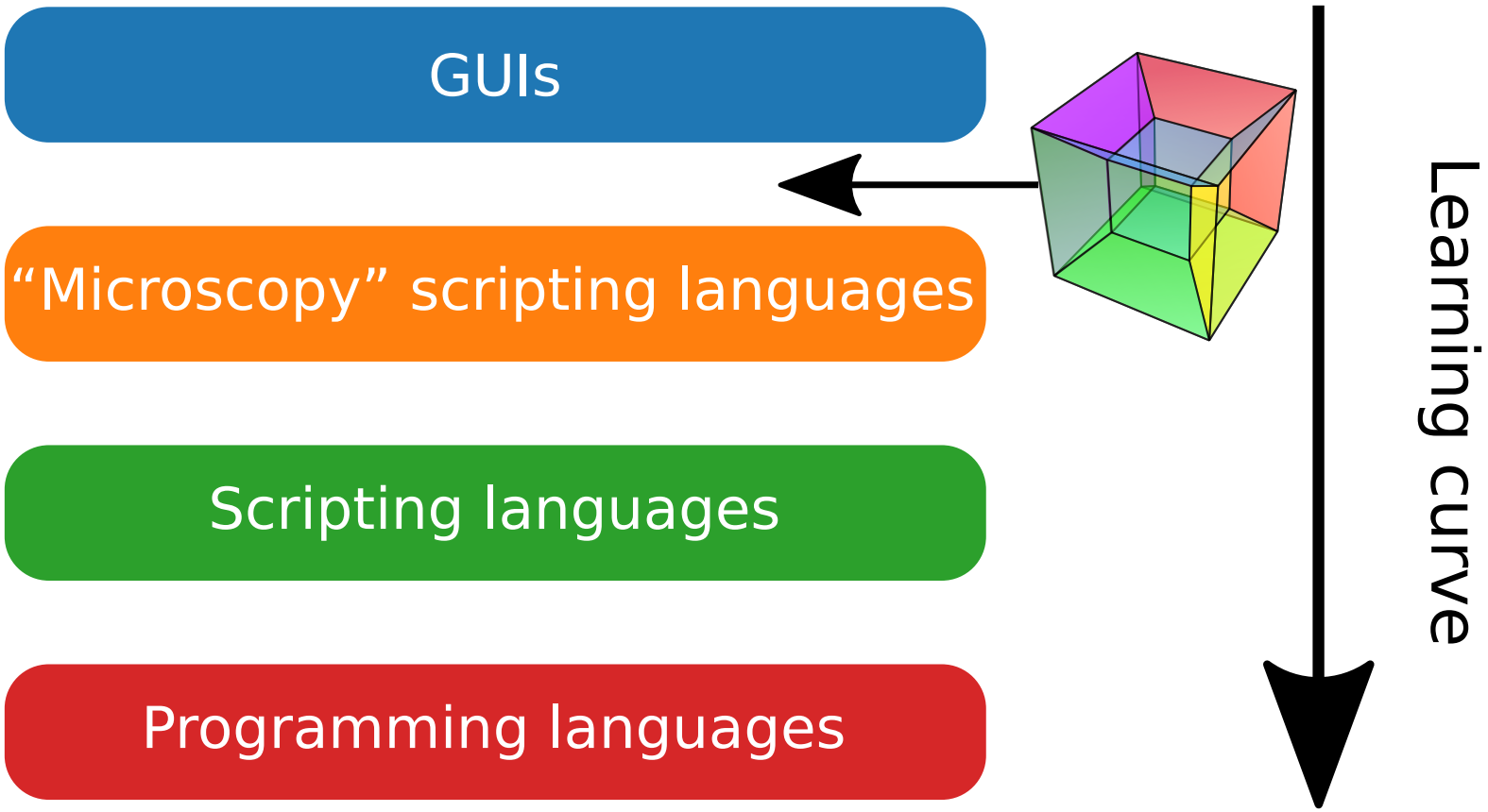

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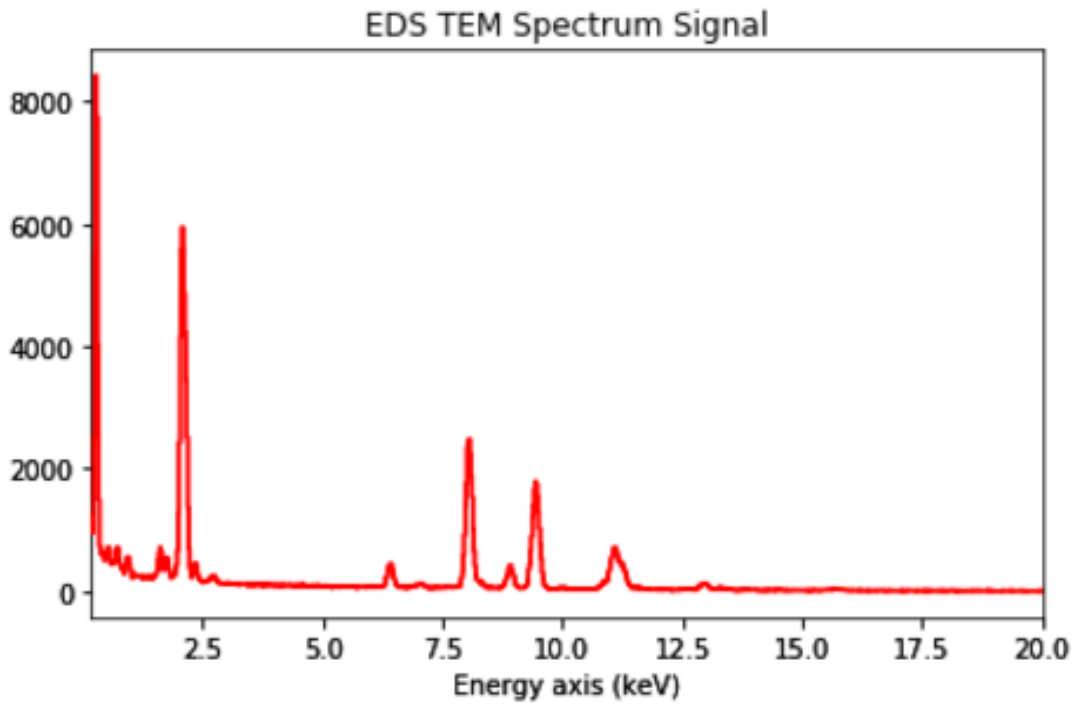

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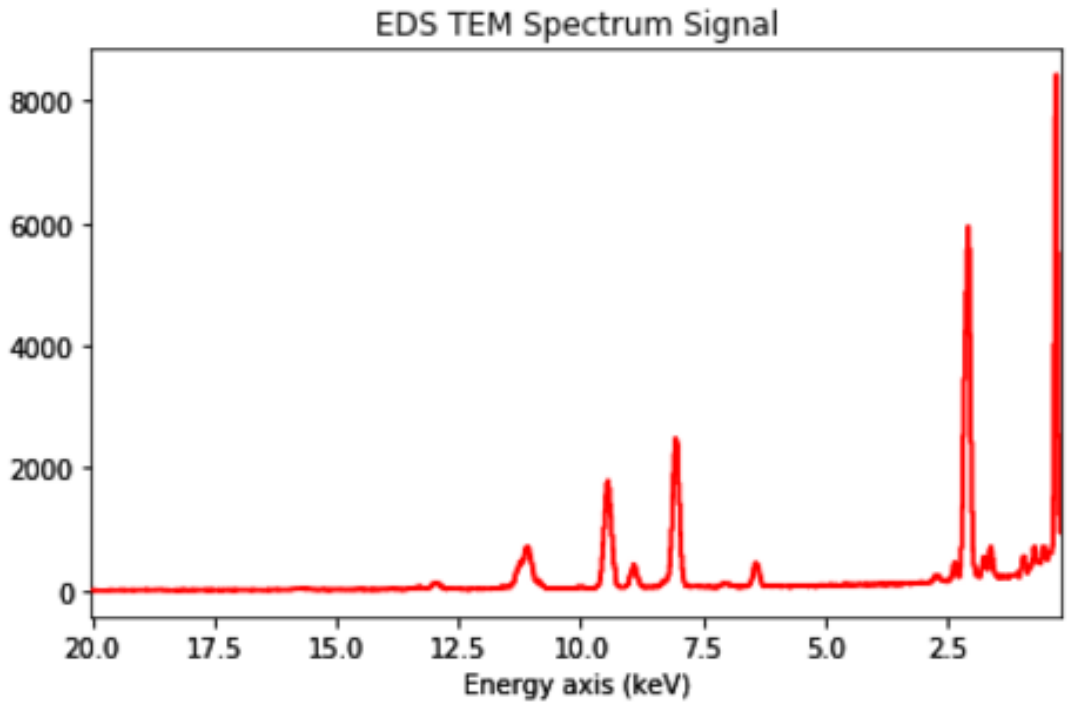

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{
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        image res = Slice3(img, 0, 0, sz - 1, 0, sx, 1, 1, sy, 1, 2, sz, -1)
        res.ImageCopyCalibrationFrom(img)
        TagGroupCopyTagsFrom(ImageGetTagGroup(res),ImageGetTagGroup(img))
        res.ImageSetName(img.ImageGetName() + "_reversed")
        ShowImage(res)
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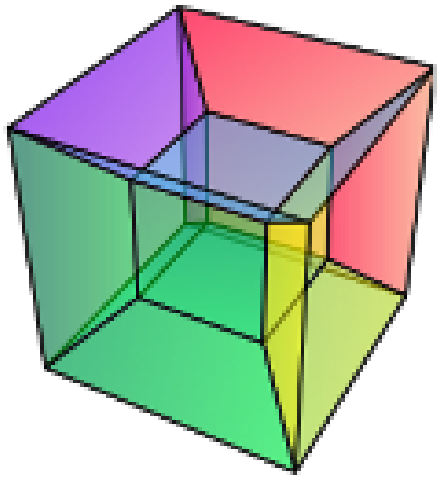
HyperSpy design goals in 2011

- Cutting-edge features.
- Truly multi-dimensional.
- Scalable
  - Powerful, yet
    - easy to use.
    - easy to learn.
    - Easy to extend and contribute to.
    - Code fully available.



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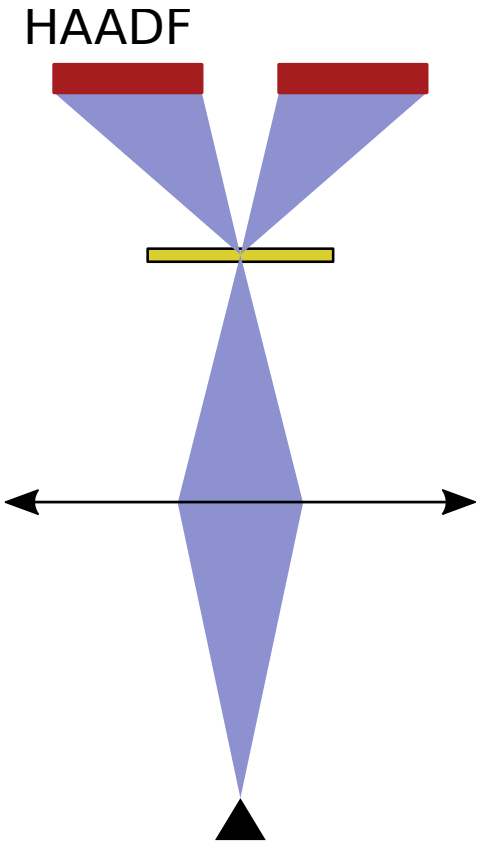

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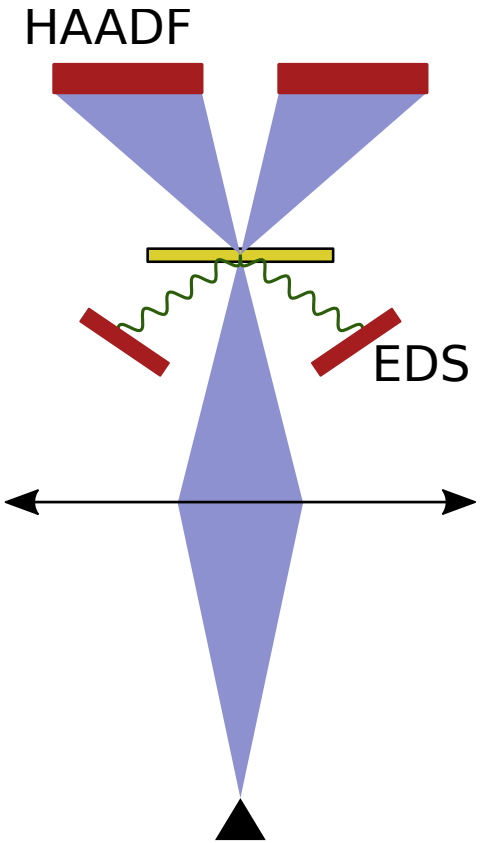

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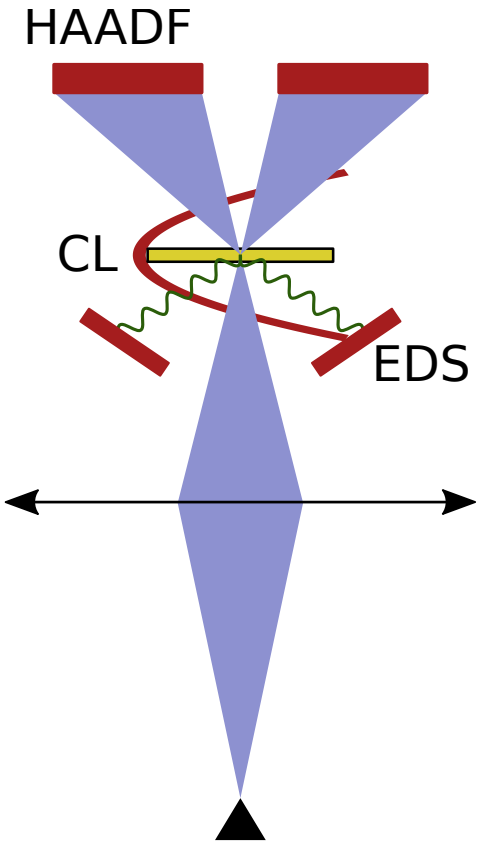

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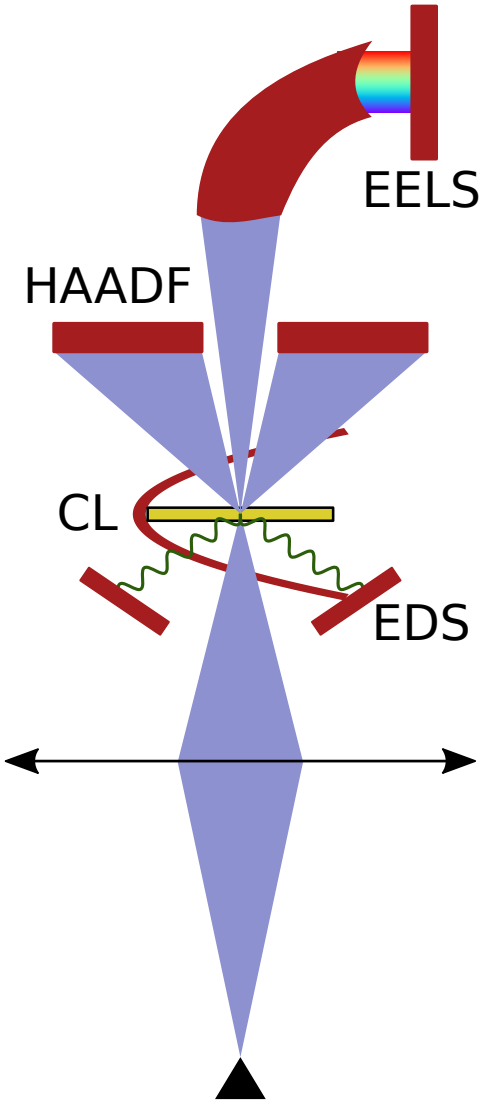

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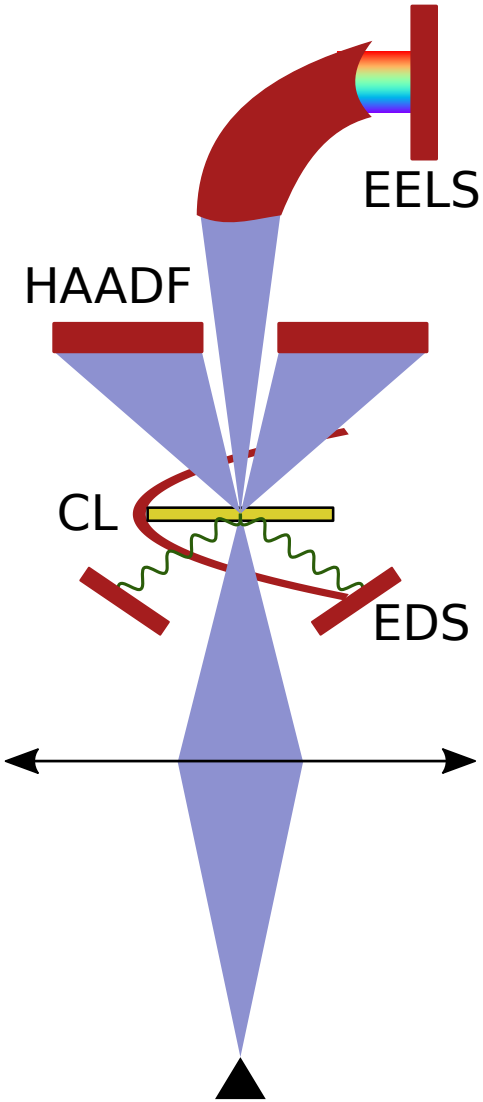

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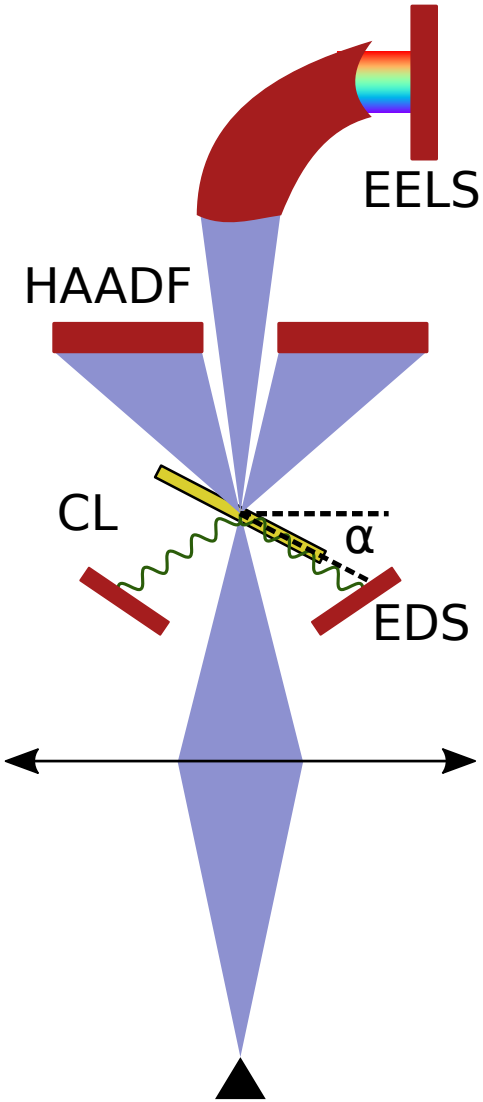

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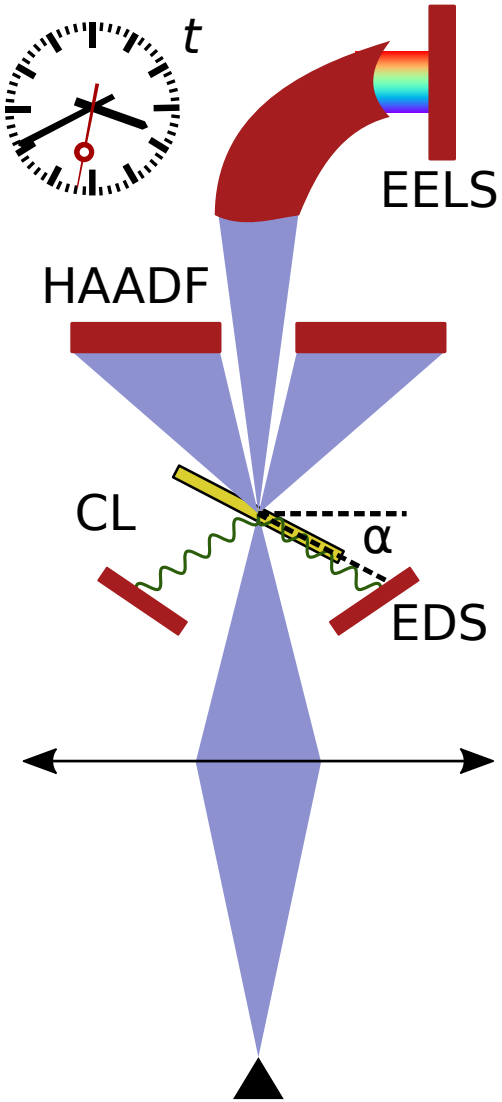

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- Unmatched environment for scientific computing:
  - Numpy+Scipy+matplotlib ⩾(Matlab + Toolkits replacement)
  - Jupyter
  - sklearn, skimage...

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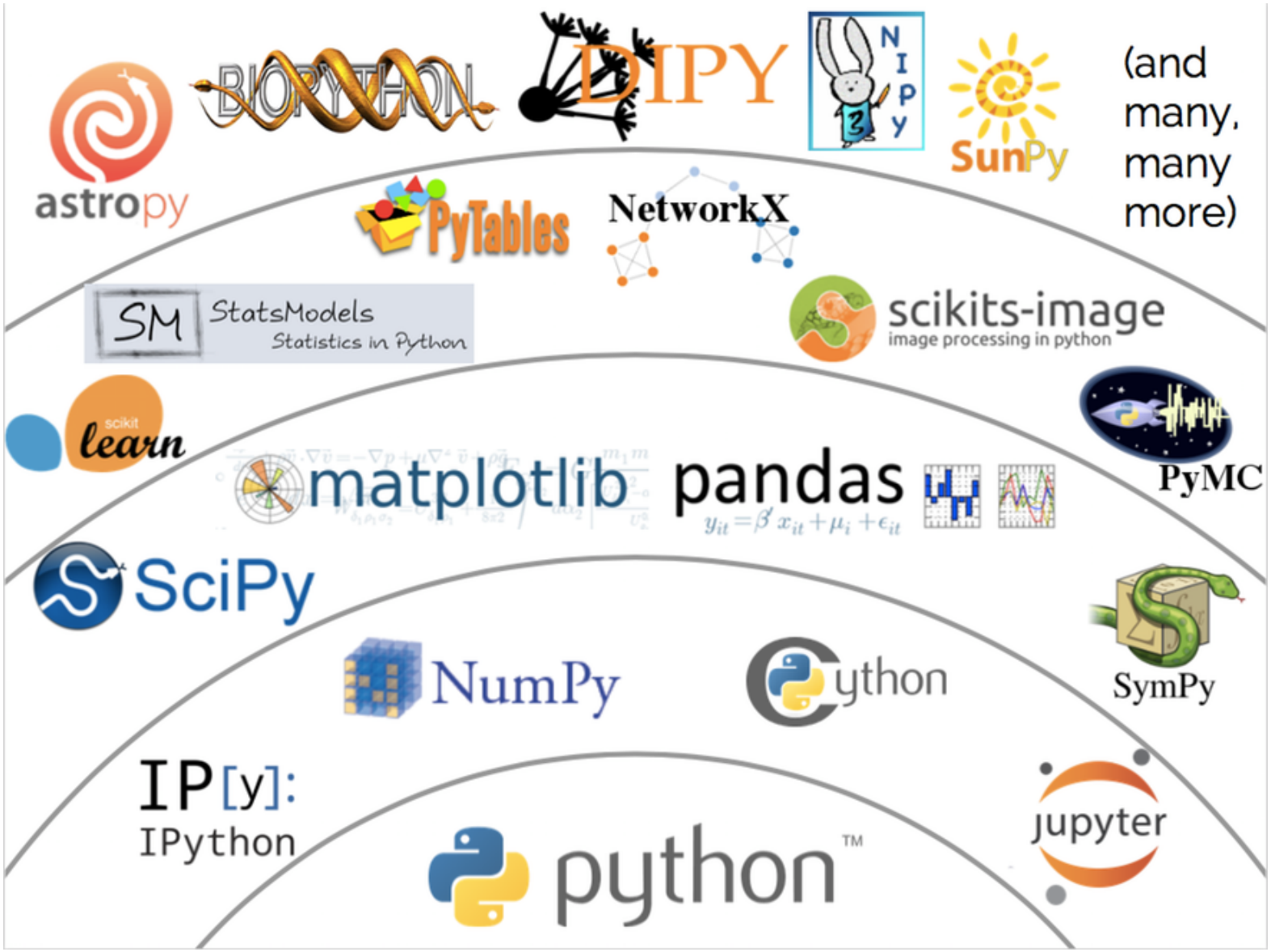

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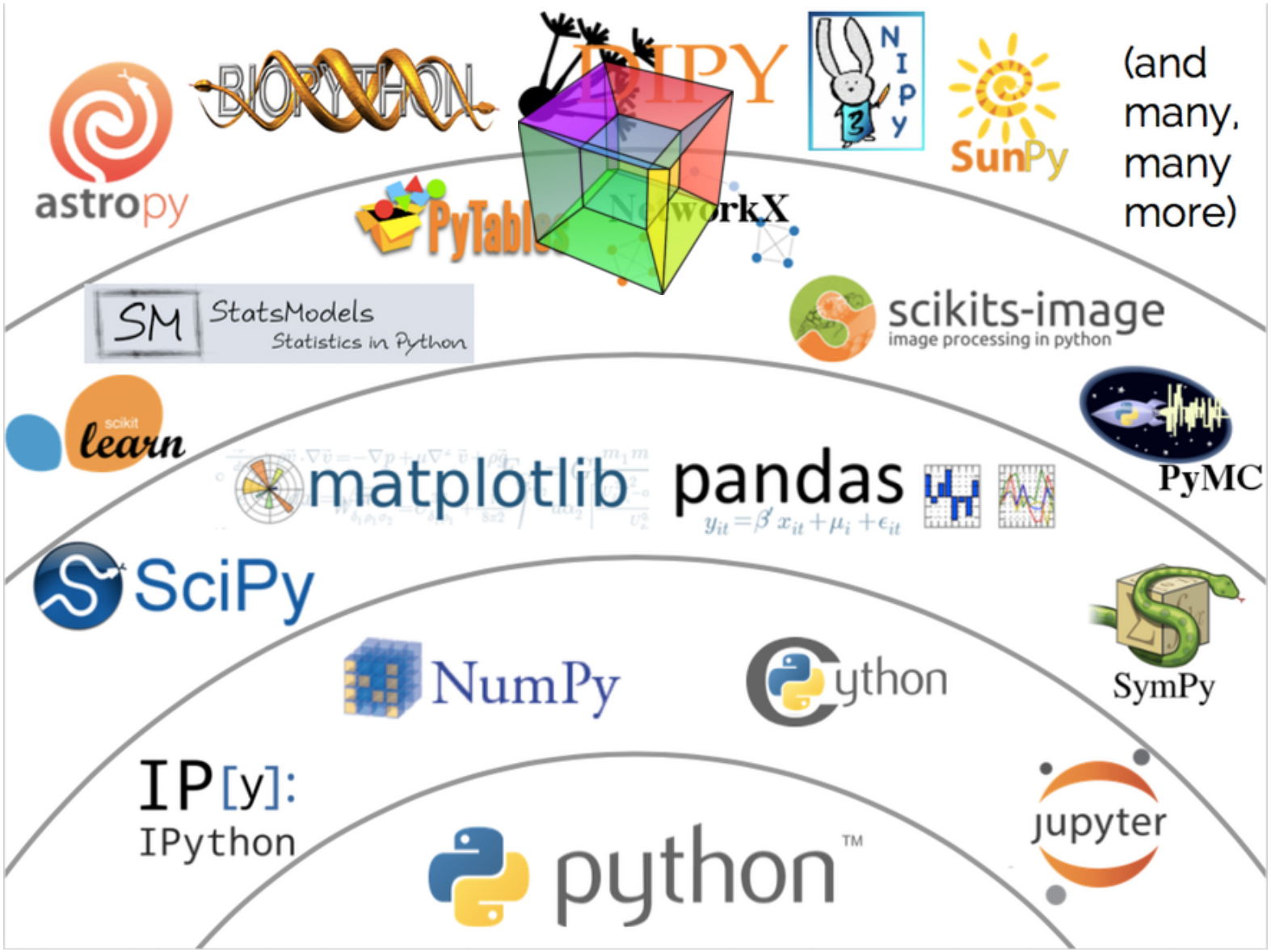

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Fernando Pérez (UC Berkeley, creator of IPython)

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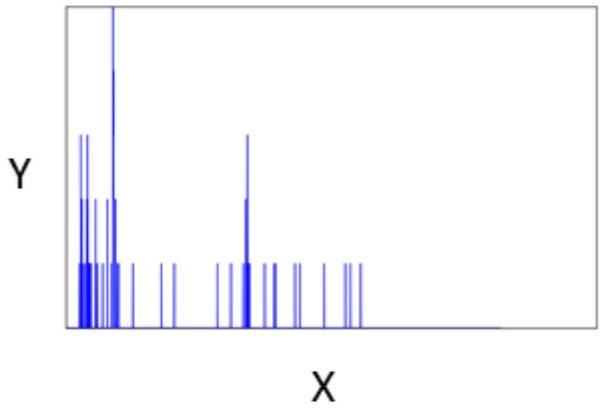

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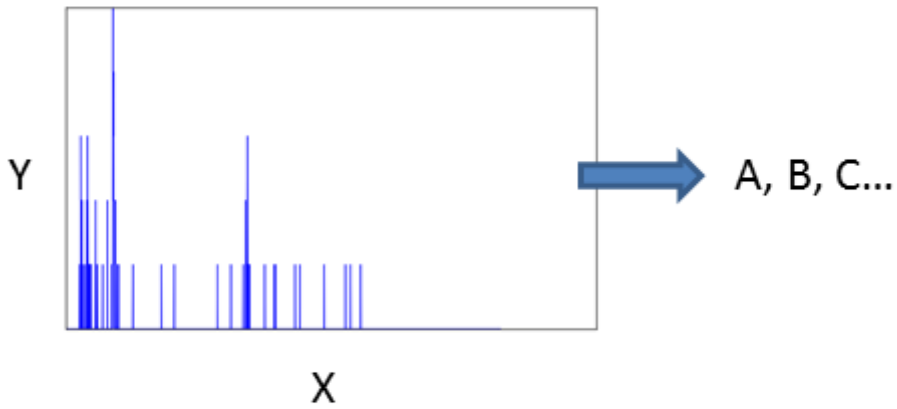

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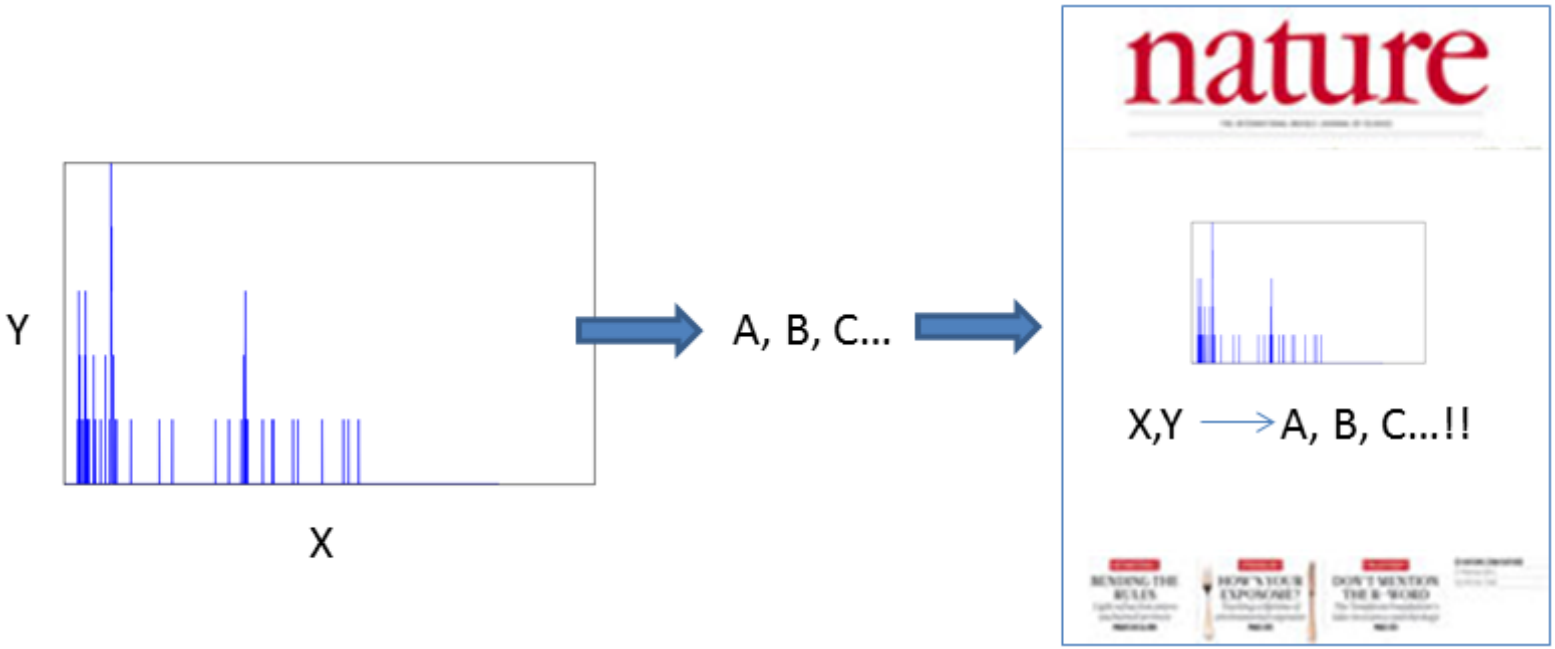

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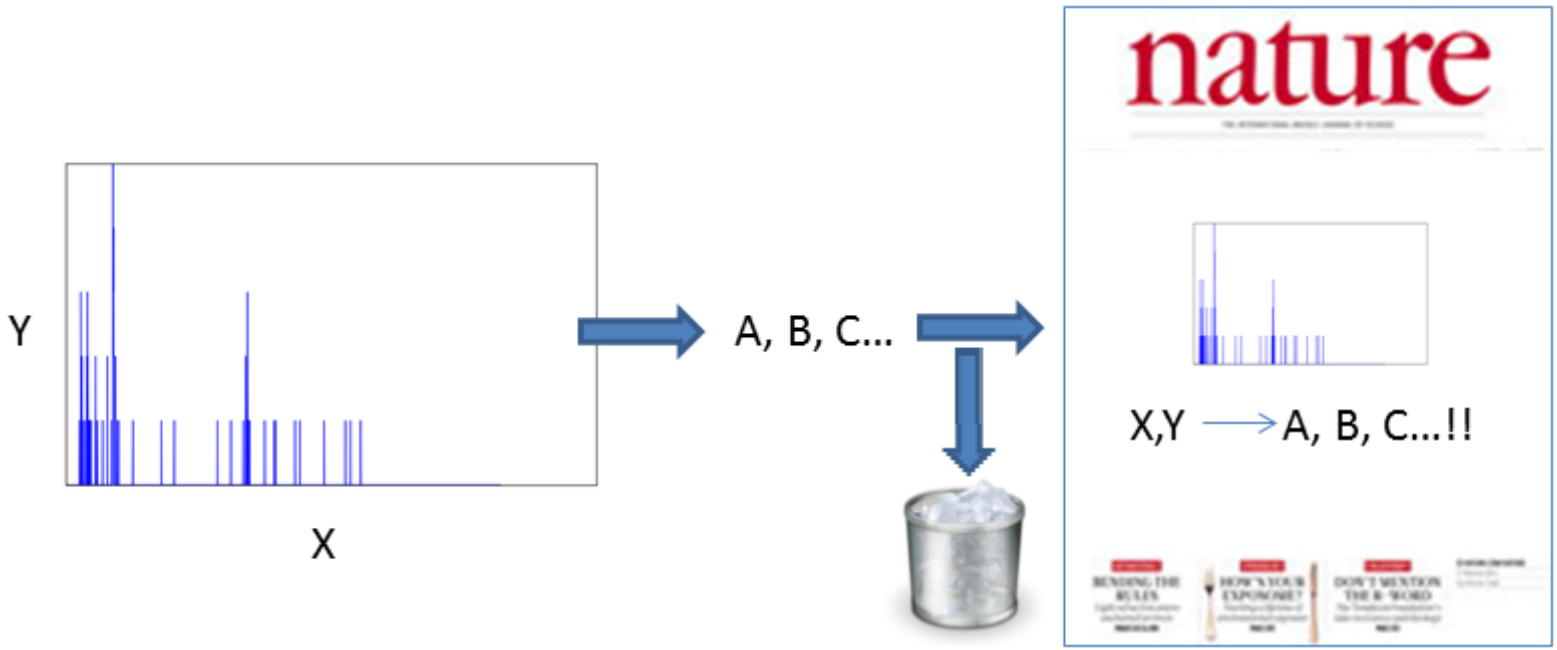

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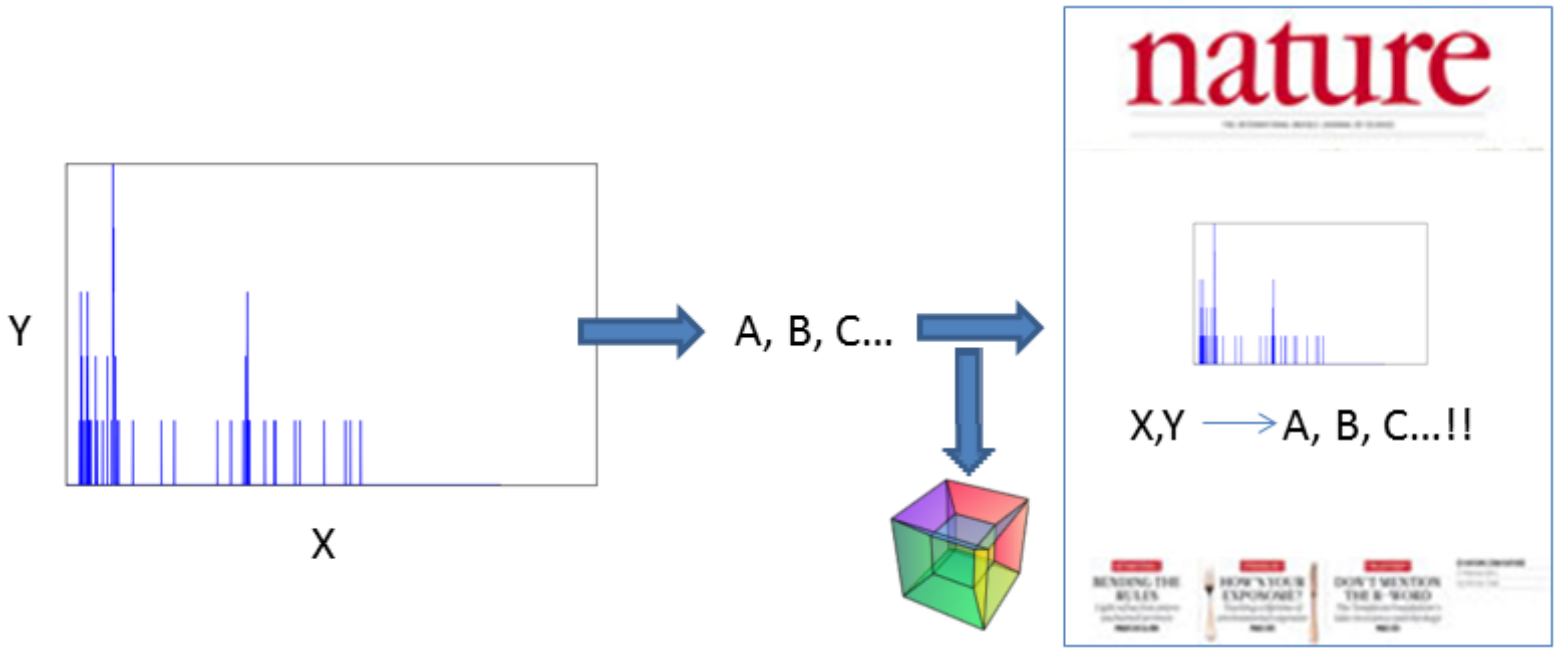

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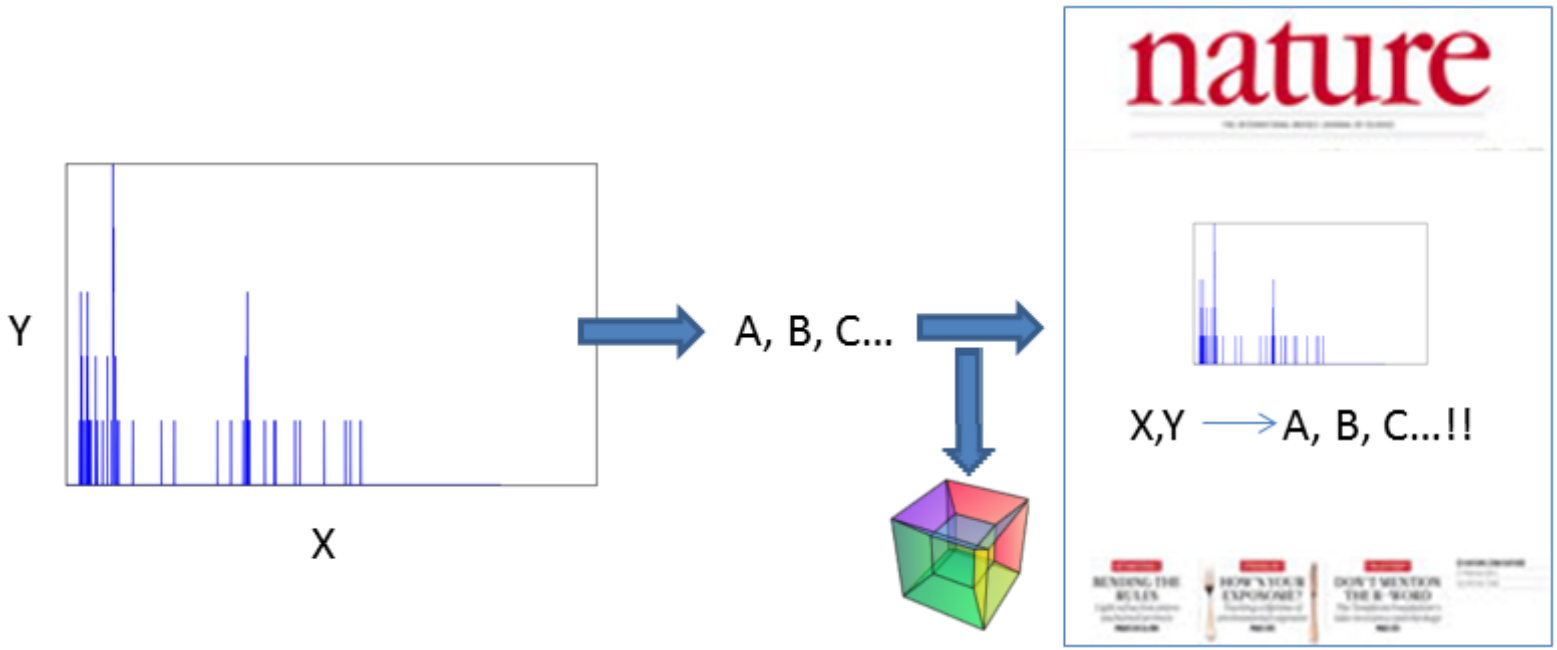

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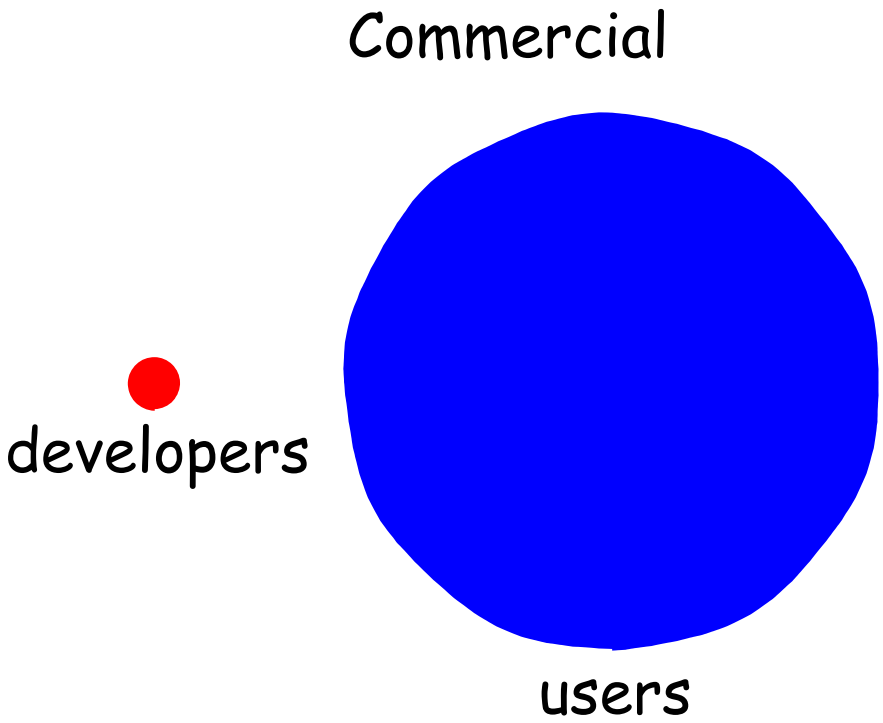

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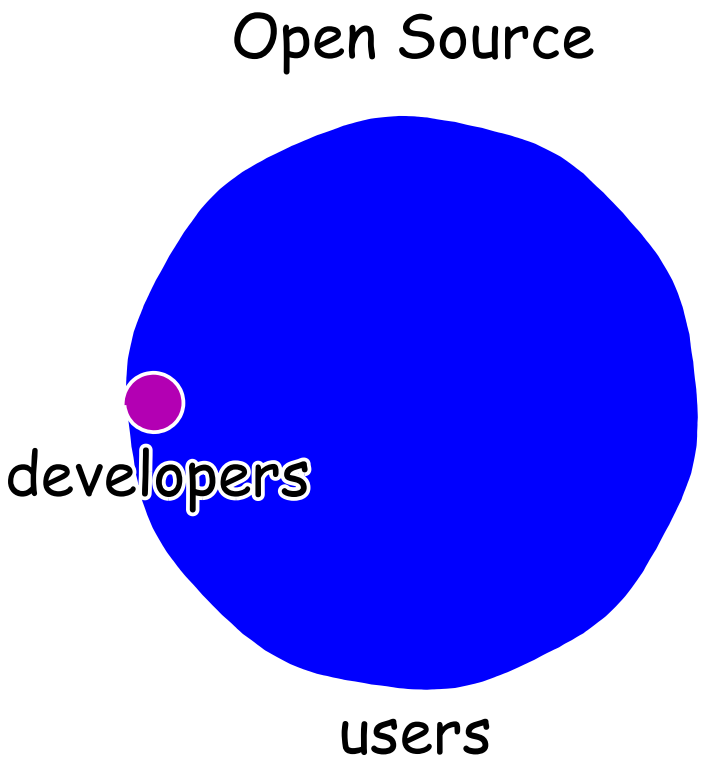

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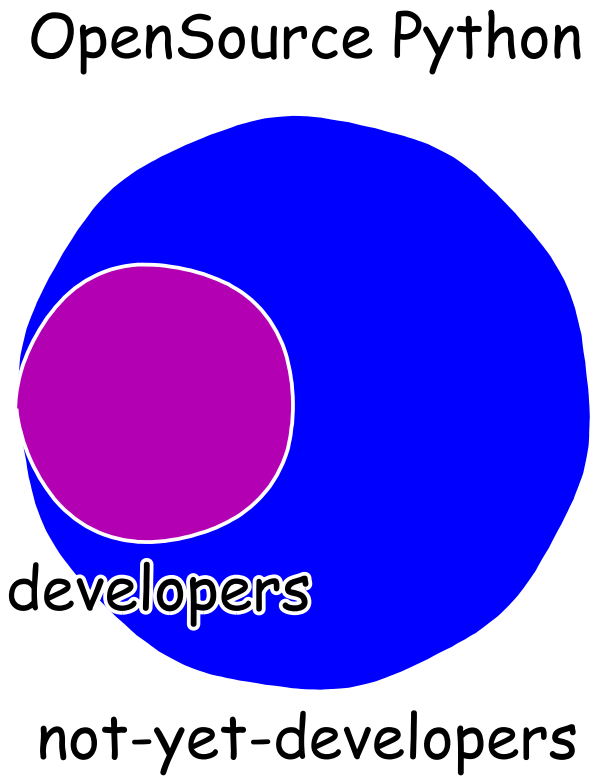

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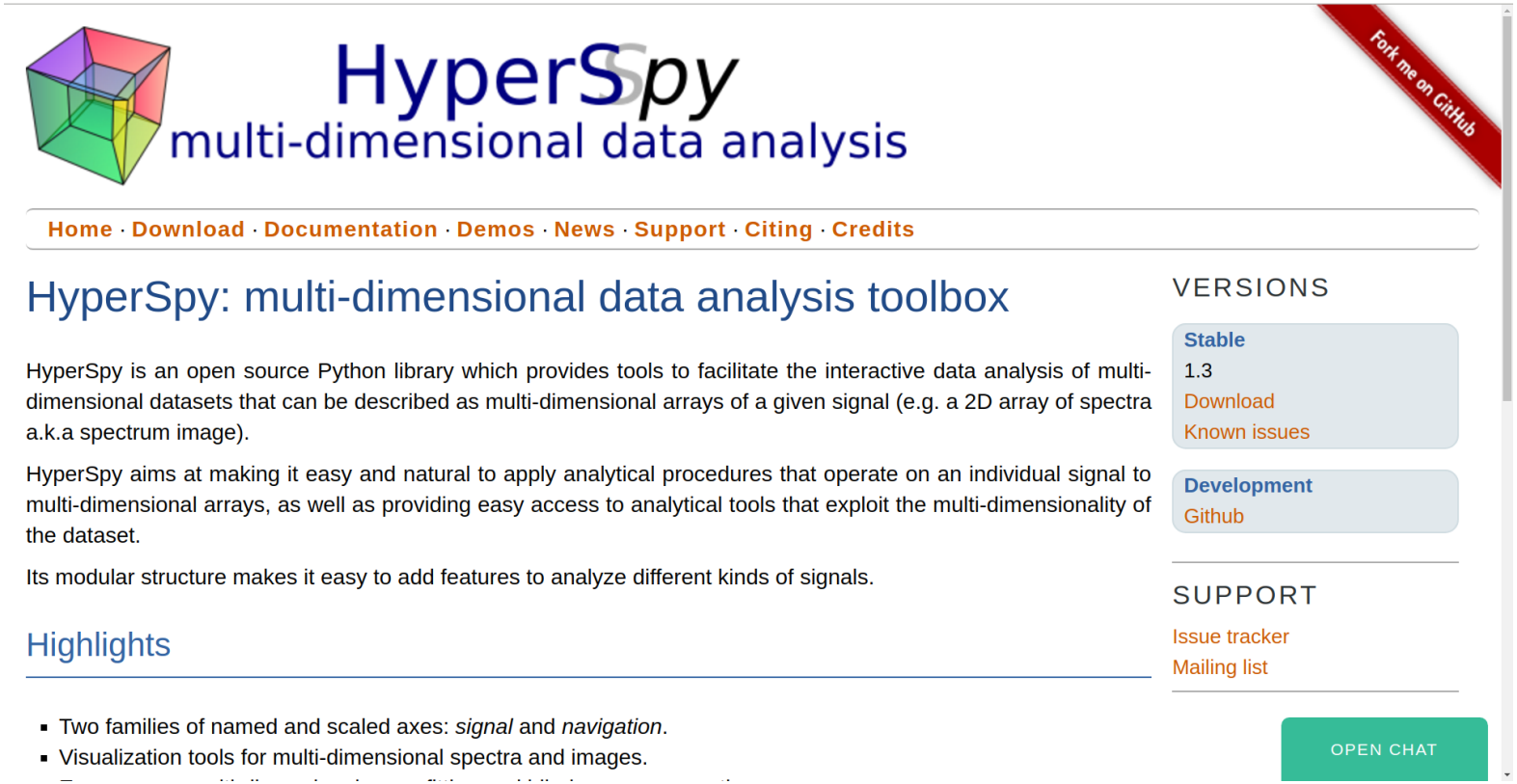

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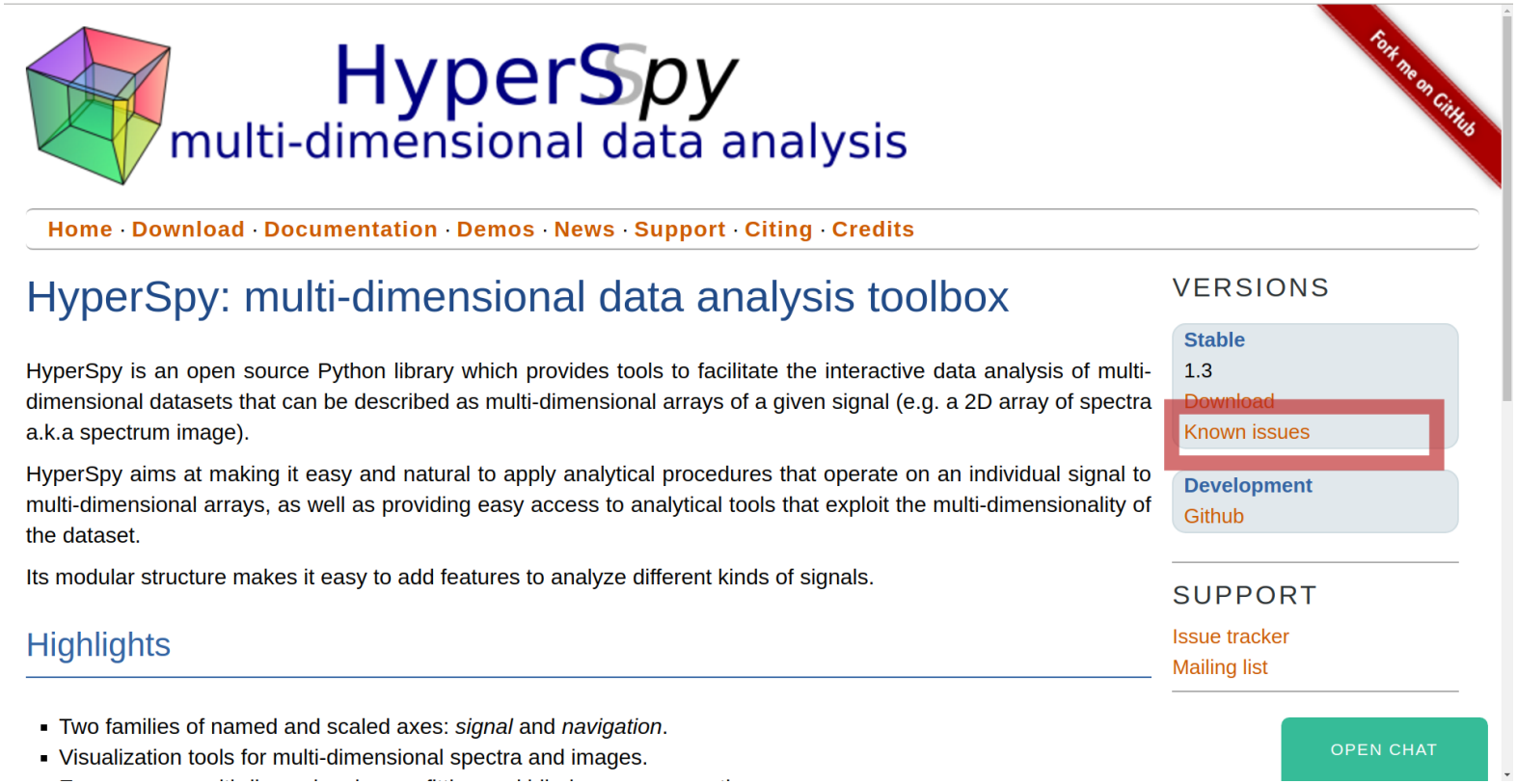

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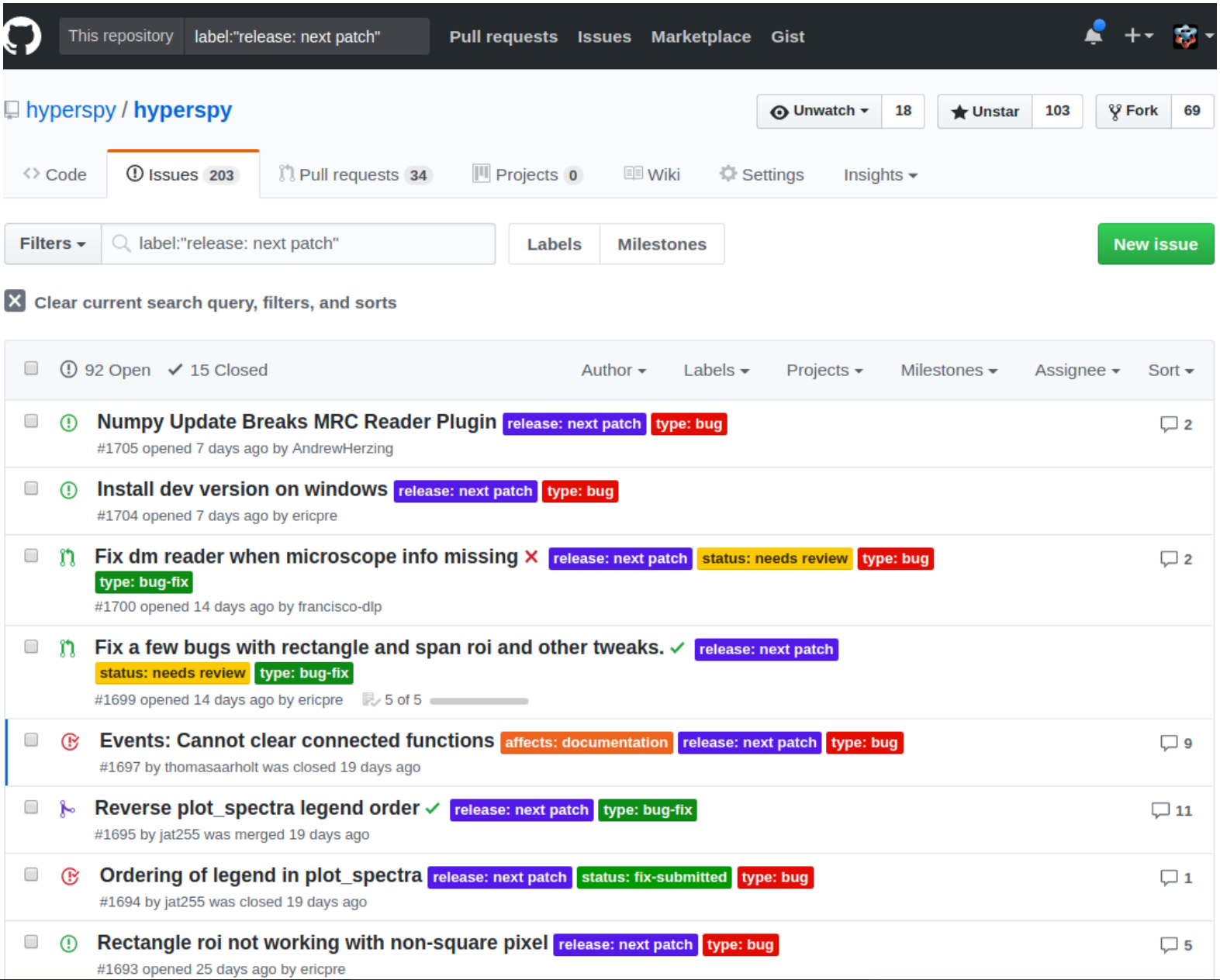

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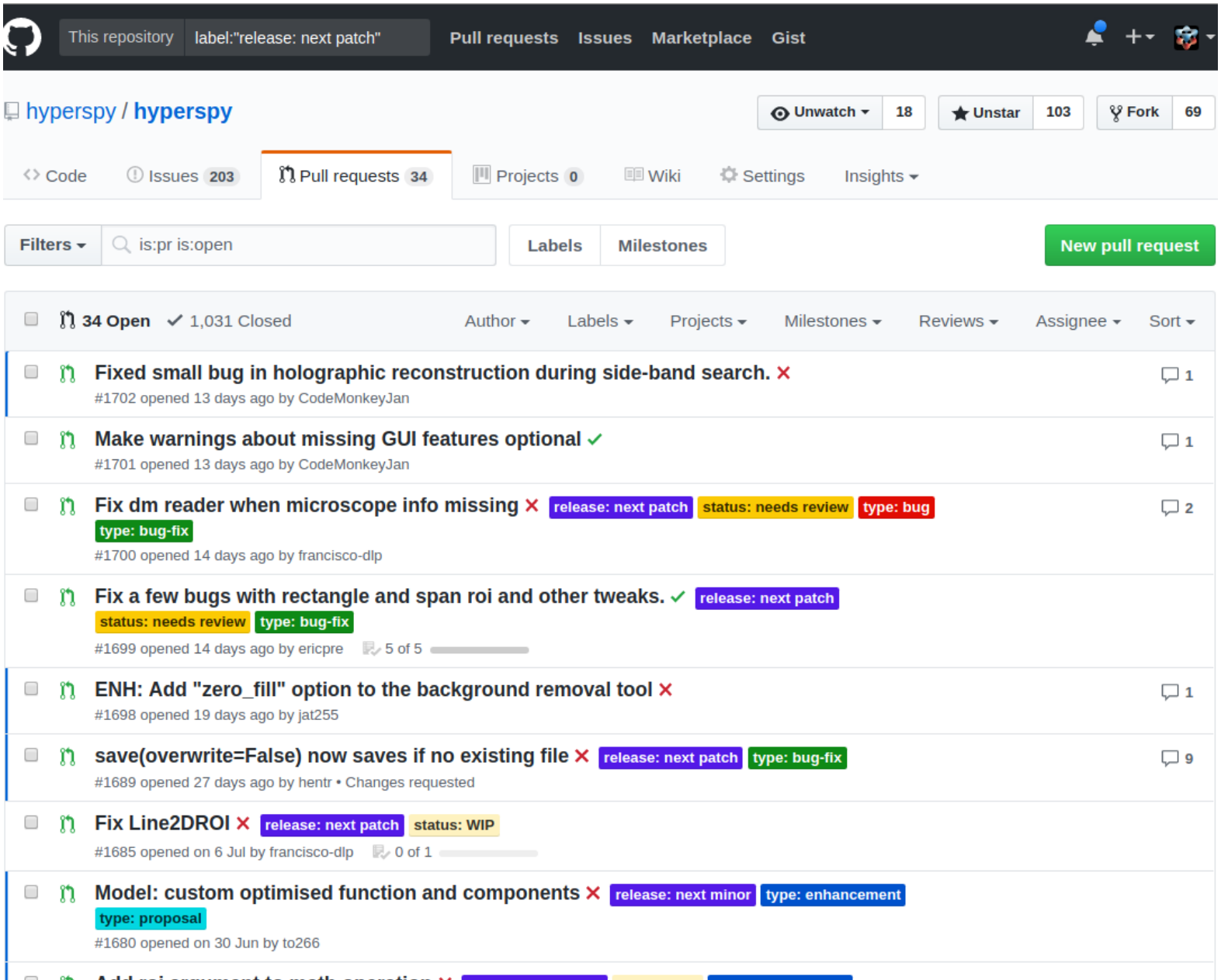

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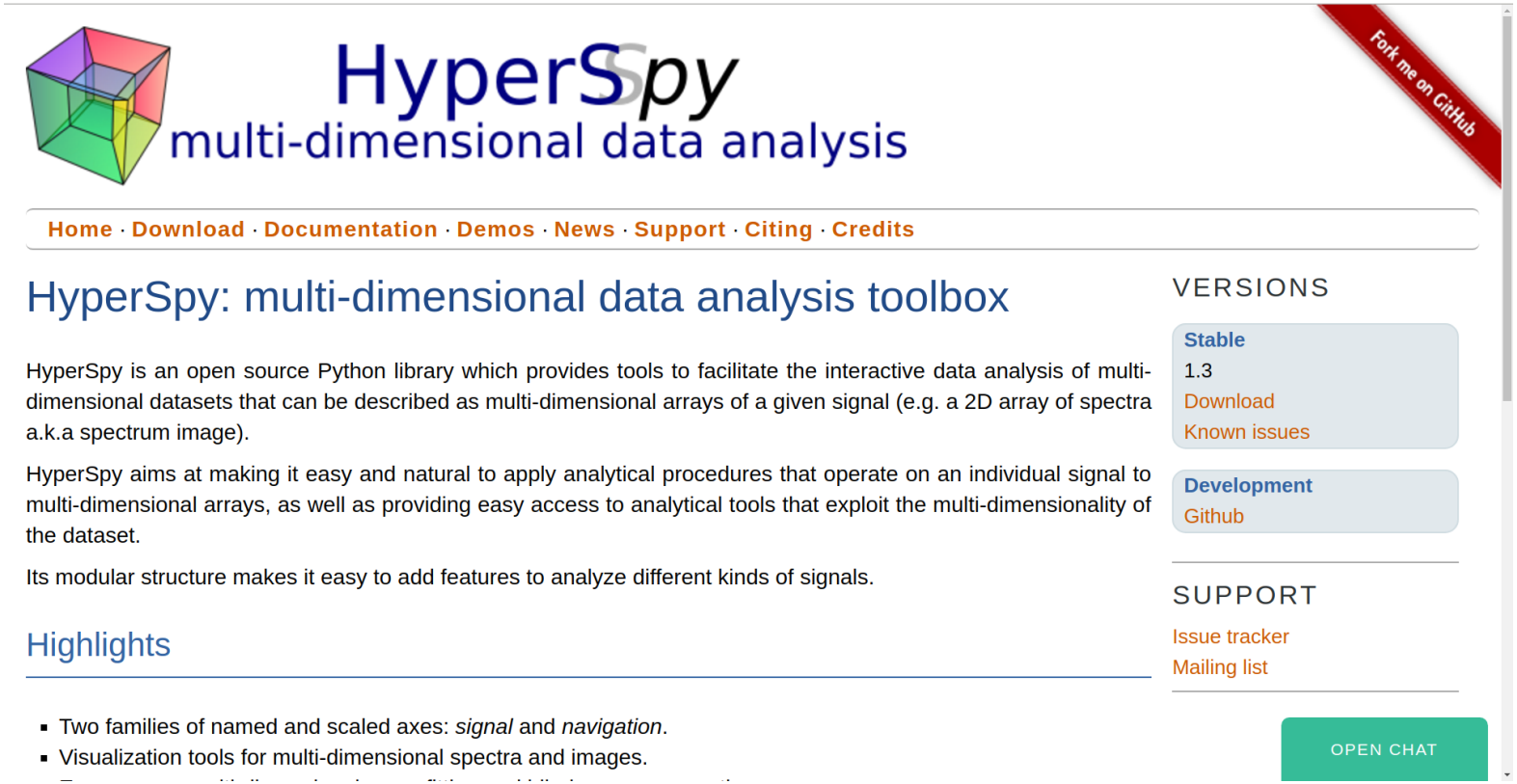

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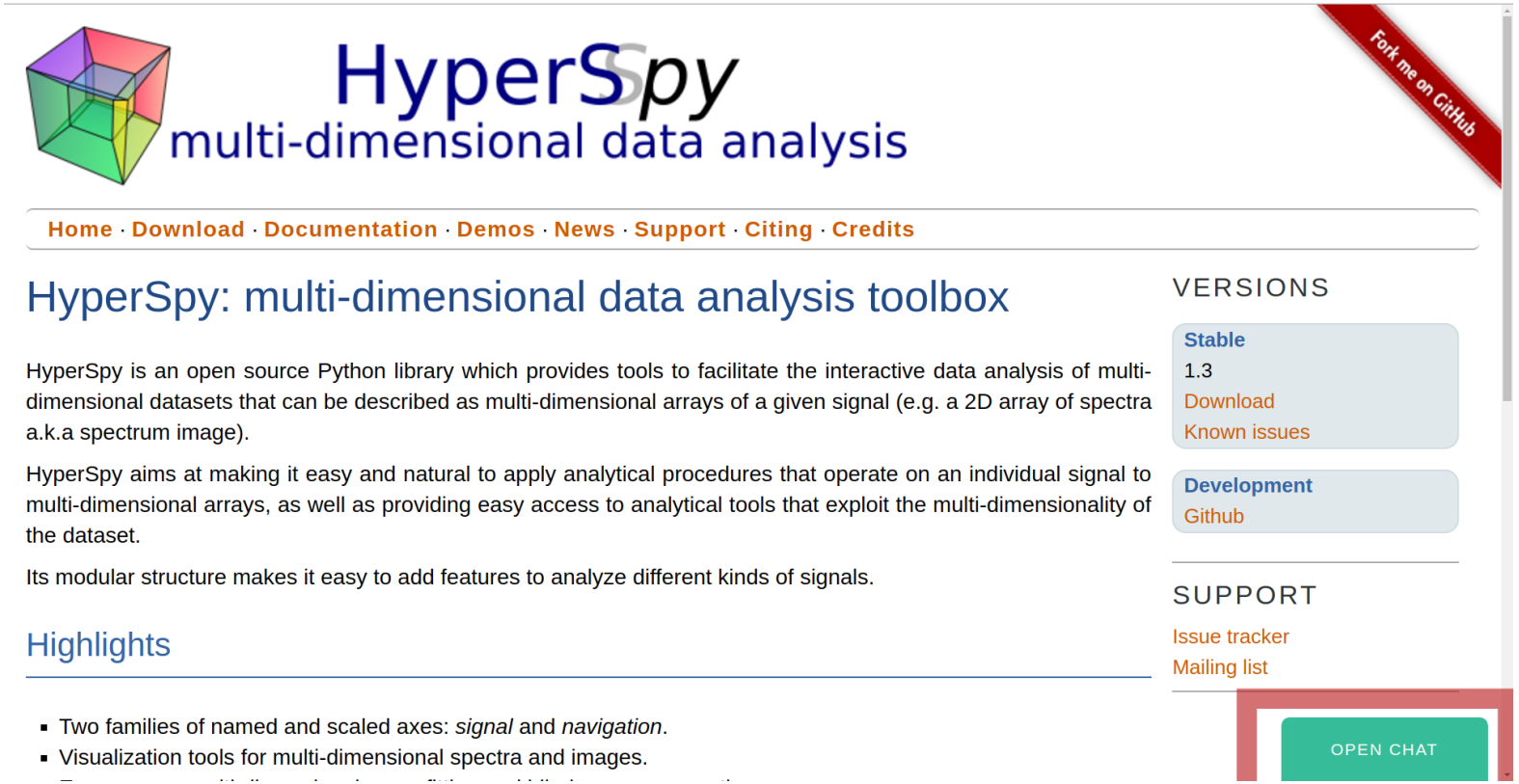

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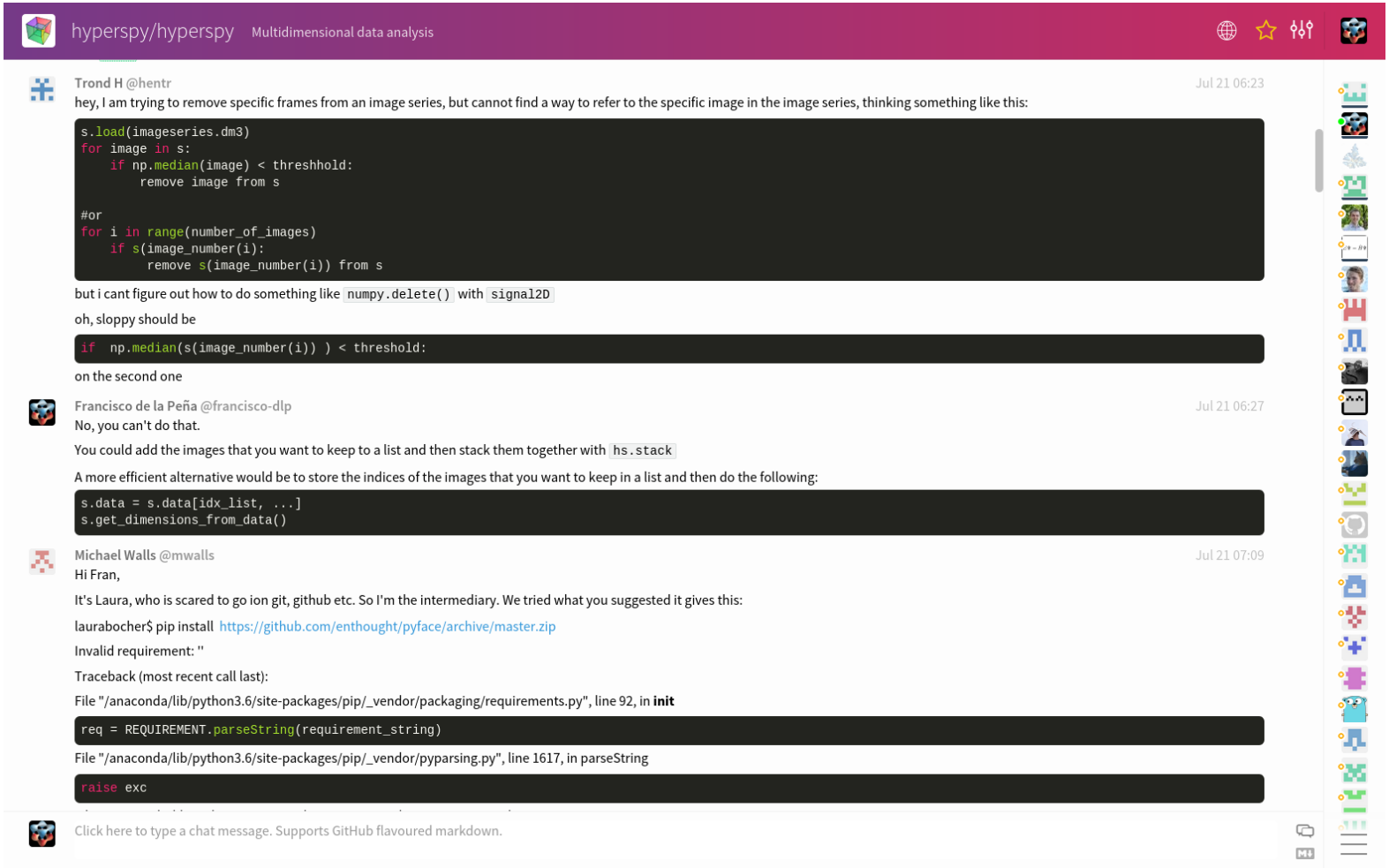

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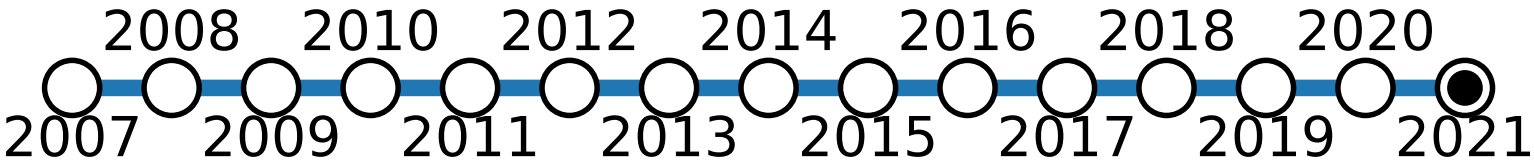

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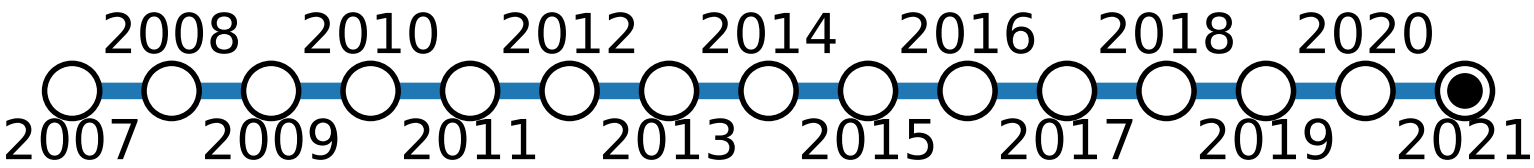

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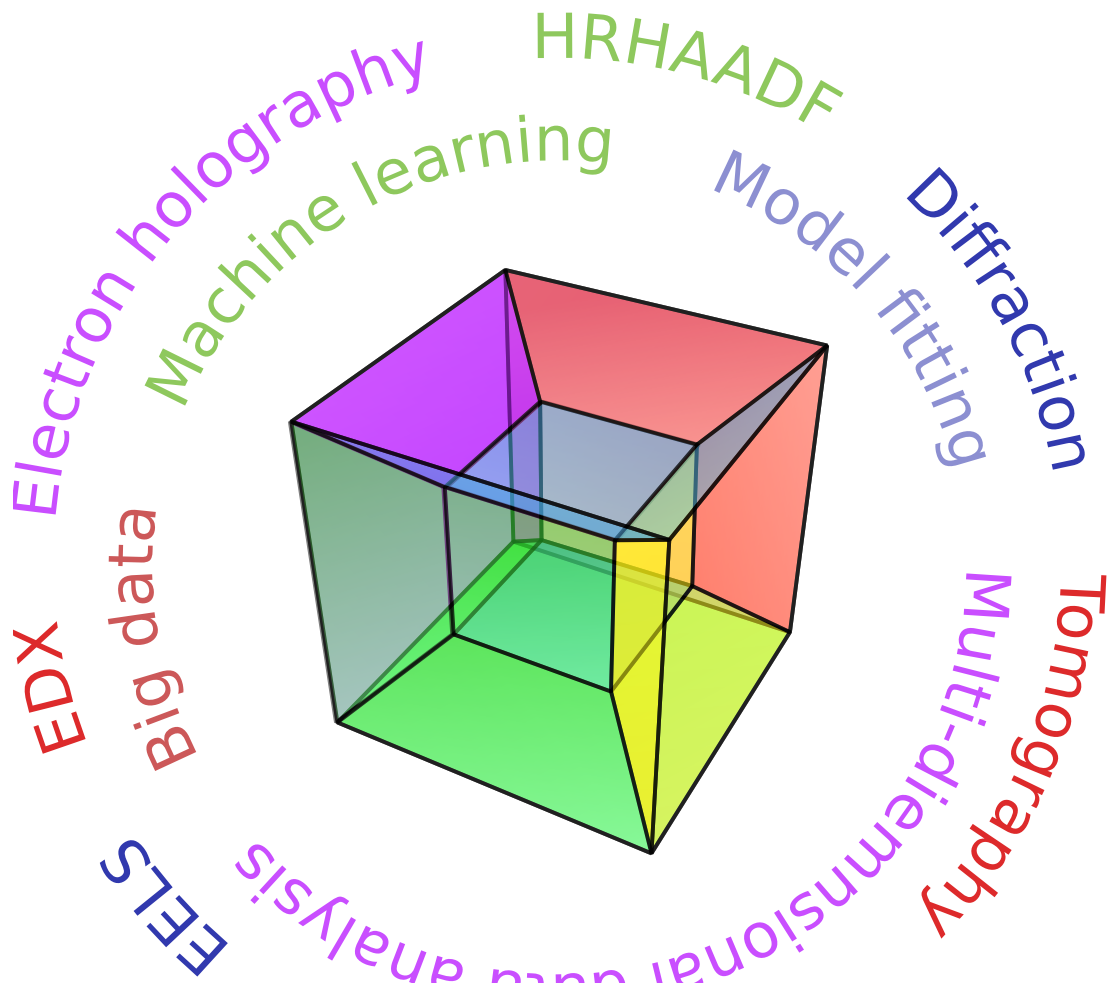

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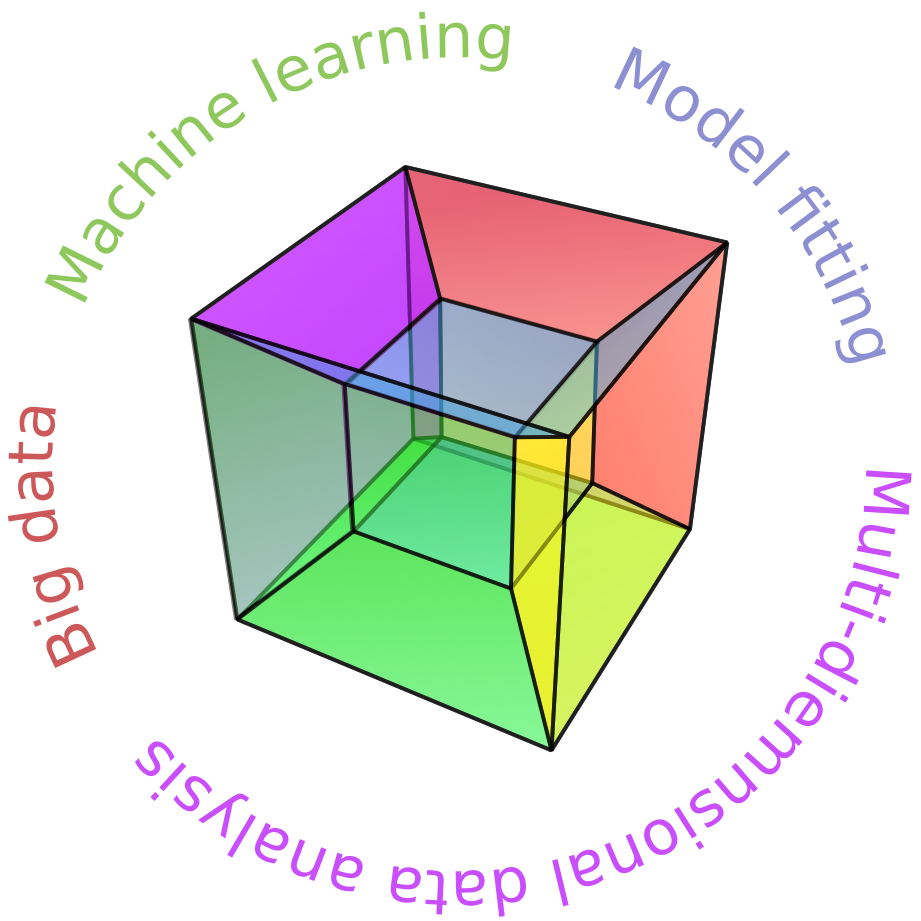

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